

## **Questions for D-E NCA Advisory Council to Consider for each zone of the NCA**

*“The Council shall advise the Secretary with respect to the preparation and implementation of the management plan.”*

*-Public Law 111-11—March 30, 2009*

### **Overarching Questions (general topics addressed by the Advisory Council throughout the process)**

1. Is the range of alternatives adequate?
2. What other public process steps should the BLM undertake, if any, to compile needed information?
3. What factors or criteria should BLM consider in identifying a Preferred Alternative? (later-post-August)

### **Suggested discussion questions for Zone 1: Recreation**

- 1. Should the BLM consider making a commitment for recreation in this zone?**

#### ***Steps to answer this question:***

- a. Is there demand for such a commitment?
  - i. Is there demand for a commitment from local governments?
  - ii. Is there demand for a commitment from user groups or individuals?

If the answer to question 1 is yes, then proceed to question 2. If the answer to question 1 is no move on to next zone or issue.

- 2. What types of commitments for recreation could the BLM make in this zone?** There could be multiple types of commitments, which could be included as alternatives in the plan.

#### ***Steps to answer this question:***

- a) What demands exist for recreation in this zone?

Once demand for a particular recreational activity and/or experience is identified, proceed to b, c, d and e

- b) What limitations would impact the ability of the BLM to make a commitment to this particular recreational experience in this zone? (Think about the BLM’s mandate to conserve, protect and enhance the natural and cultural resources of the NCA)
  - i. Special Status Species

- ii. Cultural Resources
- iii. Vegetation and Wildlife
- iv. Topography and soils
- v. Access issues

- c) What would the costs and tradeoffs be for the BLM to make this commitment?
- d) What partnership opportunities would enable the BLM to make this commitment? Has a demonstrated commitment been made by these partners?
- e) Is management for this particular recreational experience feasible/reasonable?